lite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).

Launching of third generation Communication Satellite by ISRO

283. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the programme of Indian Space Research Organisation to launch a third generation communication satellite;

(b) the progress made in the process of achieving a full scale indigenous cryogenic engine; and

(c) by when it will be tested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) The third generation INSAT Satellites will be a continuation of the second generation satellites to provide adequate capacity and continuity of services. Under the Indian National Satellite-3 (INSAT-3) programme, five satellites are planned to be built-from Calendar Year 1999 to 2002.

(b) Significant progress has been made in development of cryogenic upper stage. The design of the engine is completed and realisation of the engineering model is under way. The detailed design of the stage is completed. The facilites required to fabricate and test the engine and state are in the advanced stage of readiness. A one tonne class pressure fed cryo engine has been successfully developed, which gives confidence for the realisation of the larger engine.

(c) It is planned to initiate a series of tests on Engine by 1998 and the flight stage is targeted by 1999-2000.

Improvement in civic amenities in Madhy Pradesh, Rajasthan and North east

284. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the details of various schemes/projects/plans etc. launched/contemplated by the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment for improving civic amenities like housing, sanitation, etc. in cities of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North-Eastern region, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): New schemes launched by this Ministry in the last five years relevant to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North East States are as follows:—

(i) Accelerated Uarban Water Supply Programme, launched in 1993-94 to provide Central assistance to State Governments for providing drinking water facilities to towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census).

(ii) Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme, launched in November, 1995, to attack the several root causes of urban poverty simultaneously. Besides the objectives of employment generation and skill development, the PMI UPEP also aims at effective achievement of social sector goals, community empowerment convergence through sustainable support systems, environment improvement and shelter upgradation.

2. New schemes presently contemplated are:—

(a) Prime Minister's Awas Yojana for providing Central subsidy for the reconstruction/repair of houses for the urban poor affected by natural calamities.

(b) Savings linked Housing Scheme with LIC support and HUDCO loan for the urban and rural poor.

Pending finalisation of IXth Plan a token provision of Rs. 50 lakhs for Prime Minister's Awas Yojana and